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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is provided in the English abstracts attached to those documents, and in the case of Japanese Laid-Open Patents Nos. JP 3-149600 and JP 7-219591 also in corresponding U.S. Patents 5,220,629 and 5,577,164, respectively.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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		<b>5,220,629</b>	<b>6/15/93</b>	<b>Kosaka et al.</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>52</b>	
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